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Towards a Vision for Parks & Greenspace



2005-2020 Comprehensive Development Plan

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Introduction:

- Mayor Franklin's Parks and Greenspace Task Force was created in March 2002, to increase park and greenspace acreage.
- Goal is to provide Atlanta with World-Class Park system.
- Parks are outlets for:
 - Recreation
 - Relaxation
 - Social Interaction
 - Civic Identity

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Vision:

After meetings with interested stakeholders “A vision of a world-class park system was created for Atlanta with numerous, convenient, safe and well-maintained parks and Greenspace all connected to the center city.”

Source: Mayor’s Parks and Greenspace Task Force Report

Convenient, Safe, Well-Maintained, Numerous

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Current Condition:

In order to transform Atlanta into a city known for a World-Class Park System, the current issues that prohibit Atlanta from achieving that status must be addressed.

The Task Force Describes these as:

- Atlanta's low ranking in Acreage per 1,000 residents, among comparable cities.
- The overall acreage of Atlanta's park system is lacking, although more notable parks such as Piedmont and Grant are well-maintained
- Atlanta's largest Greenspace is 213 acres.
- Land Acquisition is not a priority despite growing development.
- City lacks public/private partnerships which increases revenue for maintenance and acquisition.

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5-10 year goals to achieve overall vision of a World-Class Park System

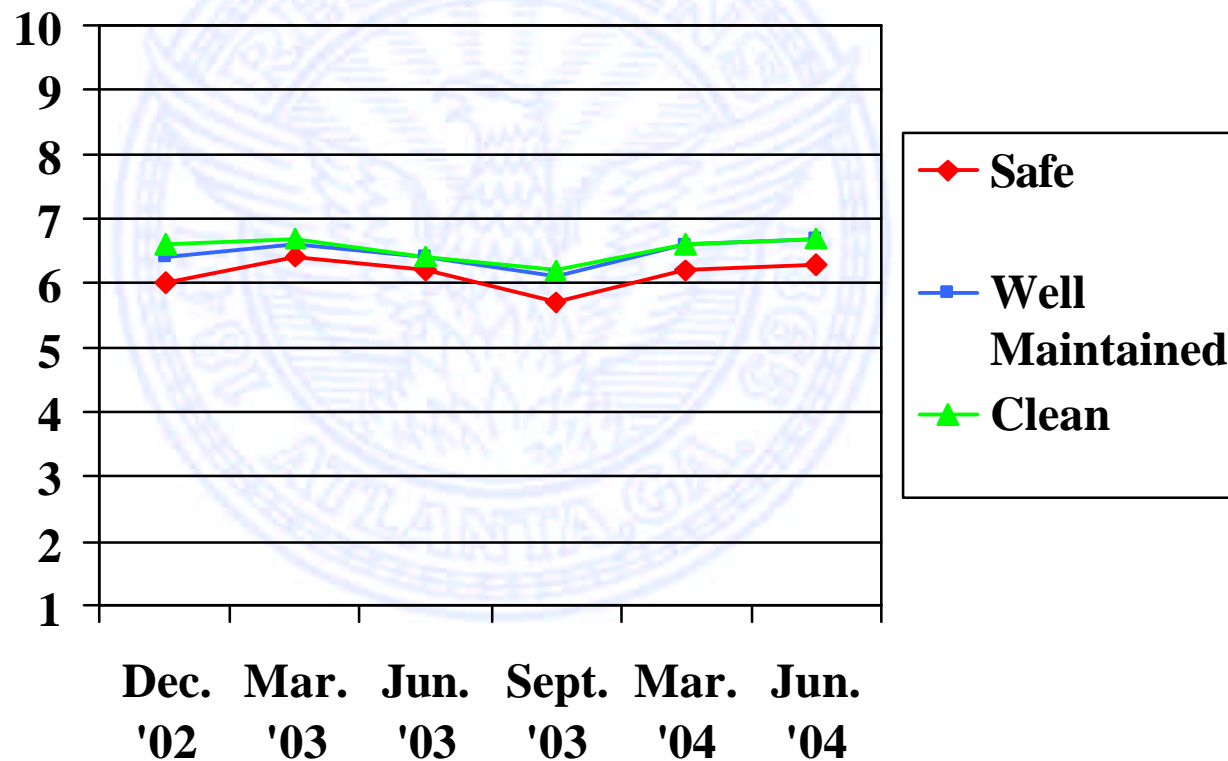
- Double the number of park and greenspace acres by 2012.
From 3,122 acres to 6,244 acres.
- Increase the budget for parks and greenspace.
The current budget is \$24 million
- Increase the efficiency of the maintenance
- Develop one large recreational/passive park to address and meet the national park recreation standards.
The task force recommends a single 500 acre park
- Develop a special events venue to relieve the burden on existing parks
- Make parks safe by enforcing present laws

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Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results: June 2004

Citizens' Opinion of Park Quality



10 = the statement describes it perfectly

1 = doesn't describe at all

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The Citizens' Voice

- Currently 3.7 percent of Atlanta land area is devoted to parkland

Citizens' Concern of the Amount of City space devoted to Parks

